

Wednesday, 16 December 2020

**RE: Testing Positive Up to 6 Days after School Closed**

Dear Parents & Carers,

Last week, the DFE contacted all schools requesting that for **up to 6 days** after the end of term, all schools have a system in place for notifying parents of positive cases (where their child has been identified as being a close contact).

If between **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** your child tests positive for COVID having developed symptoms within 48 hours of last being in school, please contact the school on [info@chat-edu.org.uk](mailto:info@chat-edu.org.uk). Please make it clear the name and year group of the student alongside any potential contacts that they may have had in school.

If your child tests positive, we may be in touch via a phone call to assess which students they may have been in contact with and who may need to self-isolate. We will then contact the parents/carers of these students informing them of the need to isolate for 10 days.

The guidance states "For the first 6 days after teaching ends, if a pupil or staff member tests positive for coronavirus (COVID-19), **having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school**, the school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious whilst in school."

**This means that between Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December and Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December you may be contacted by school and your child may be told to isolate for 10 days due to being an identified close contact of a positive COVID case. [Please see the NHS guidance here for what to do if you are advised to isolate after being in contact with a positive case](#)**

We realise that many of you may be planning on travelling over Christmas to visit relatives. It is essential that you are contactable and if notified of a positive case follow the NHS guidance on isolating.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the school office on the numbers at the start of the letter.

Yours Sincerely,



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